

## From Palm To Ash Answer Key

1. A palm leaf
2. They were collected and later burned.
3. They were used to make crosses on people's foreheads.
4. She felt happy and thoughtful (smiled).

### Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** This worksheet teaches students about **the connection between Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday** in a narrative they can understand.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - Read the story aloud for **emerging readers** and pause to explain key vocabulary like *ashes* or *Lent*.
  - Allow **independent reading and written answers** for older or advanced students.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Show real or paper palm leaves and let students imagine turning them into ashes.
  - Create a short sequencing activity: "Palm → Fire → Ash → Cross."
- **Extension Activities:**
  - Ask students to write a one-sentence reflection about how symbols can remind us of faith.
  - Encourage them to draw Mia holding her palm and then receiving ashes, showing the connection visually.